IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1.   A system for implementing a best fare for a patron utilizing a smart card for access to mass transit devices, the system comprising:

      a mass transit central computer;

      a best fare data base connected to the mass transit central computer,

            the best fare data base for storing a plurality of price point tables

            for the mass transit devices;

      a value load list processor for downloading at least one of the plurality

            of price point tables to the mass transit devices;

      the mass transit devices comprising:

            a smart card reader for reading from and writing to a smart card,

      the smart card for storing fare transaction data and a monetary value

      of a purchased fare pass;

            a best fare processor in communication with the mass transit

                central computer, the best fare processor for analyzing

                transaction data stored on the smart card to a plurality of

                price points of a price point table of the plurality of price

                point tables, the best fare processor for determining a start

                date and an end date for the purchased fare pass when

                the fare transaction data and monetary value meet a price

                point of the plurality of price points of the price point table.

Please add the following new claim:

18. A system for implementing a best fare for a patron utilizing a smart card for access to mass transit devices, the system comprising:

a mass transit central computer;

a best fare data base connected to the mass transit central computer,

the best fare data base for storing a plurality of price point tables

for the mass transit devices, the plurality of price point tables containing at

least one transit pass;

a value load list processor for downloading at least one of the plurality

of price point tables to the mass transit devices;

the mass transit devices comprising:

a smart card reader for reading from and writing to a smart card,

the smart card for storing fare transaction data and a monetary value

of a purchased fare pass; and

a best fare processor in communication with the mass transit

central computer, the best fare processor for comparing

the fare transaction data stored on the smart card to a plurality

of price points of a price point table of the plurality of price

point tables to determine the best fare available to the patron.